



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army
Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore
District

In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OP-RMS(MD SHA & CA DPW/PROJECT
NO CA325A21/MD2-4/SOUTHERN LUSBY
CONNECTOR)06-61228-4

06-18

Comment Period: April 10, 2006 to May 1, 2006

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as described below:

APPLICANT: *Maryland State Highway Administration
Calvert County Department of Public Works
Ms. Sandy Hertz
707 N. Calvert Street
Mailstop C-306
Baltimore, Maryland 21202*

LOCATION: *In forested nontidal wetlands and unnamed tributaries to St. John Creek and Hungerford Creek at Lusby, Calvert County, Maryland.*

WORK: *The applicant proposes, in accordance with the enclosed plans, to construct a two lane 1.2 mile, 36-foot to 58-foot wide road called the Lusby Southern Connector, impacting a total of 1.037 acres of wetlands and streams. The proposed work includes widening of MD Route 2/4 for acceleration/deceleration lanes by installing a 96 linear feet of 24-foot span by 10-foot rise precast concrete open bottom arch; installing 93 linear feet of 14-foot 11-inch span by 11-foot 2-inch rise elliptical structural plate pipe; installing 102 linear feet of 36-inch corrugated polyethylene pipe with an 8-foot by 12-foot riprap inlet protection apron and a 14-foot by 20-foot riprap outlet protection apron; and installing 150 linear feet of 27-inch reinforced concrete pipe with a 10-foot by 20-foot stone outlet protection apron. The project is proposed to impact approximately 43,012 square feet of forested nontidal wetlands and a total of 2,177 square feet along 522 linear feet of stream for road slope fill totalling 1.037 acres of impact to forested nontidal wetlands and streams. All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Kathy Anderson at (410) 962-5690.*

The purpose of the project is to support the development of an urbanized, pedestrian-centric Town Center by providing an alternate route for high volumes of commuter traffic not associated with the Town Center; to address local peak hour congestion; to enhance the connectivity between the densely populated and geographically isolated areas of southern Calvert County with the dual objective of providing improved level of service and emergency response capabilities; and to enhance access management principles on MD 2/4 by consolidating existing access points at a new, improved intersection with the connector-road.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof: among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department Of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708 within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration, Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration, The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

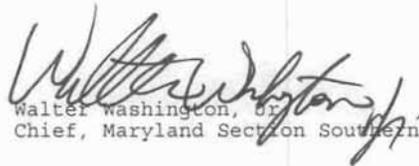
A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination

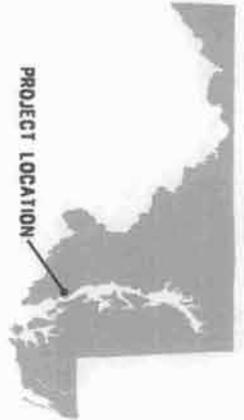
Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity in the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:


Walter Washington, Jr.
Chief, Maryland Section Southern



PROJECT LOCATION

LEGEND

- STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION PROJECT LIMITS
- CALVERT COUNTY PROJECT LIMITS
- EXISTING WETLAND / WUS BOUNDARIES
- WETLAND / WUS IMPACT LOCATIONS

MD 214 - SOUTHERN LUSBY CONNECTOR
 LUSBY SOUTHERN CONNECTOR ROAD
 VICINITY MAP
 1" = 2000'